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DISPERSING ADMIXTURES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please first enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1 - 19, and add new claims 20-38, as follows.

1. (Amended) A modified acrylic polymer obtainable by reacting

(A) a poly(acrylic acid) with endgroups resulting from initiators and/or chain transfer agents that are inert for condensation reactions, said poly(acrylic acid) A-1 having a molecular weight of from 500 to 20,000

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525/187,404  
(Poly acrylic acid  
+ polyallylamine  
glycol...) r+s=500  
(c.s.)

525/384,385  
(poly acrylic acid  
+ allylamine glycol...  
compound) r+s=500  
but still low enough

525/107+ will not apply  
since is not made from  
1,2-epoxy reactant containing  
more than one 1,2-epoxy BP  
or polymer therefrom.